Fix Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Driver Issue on Windows

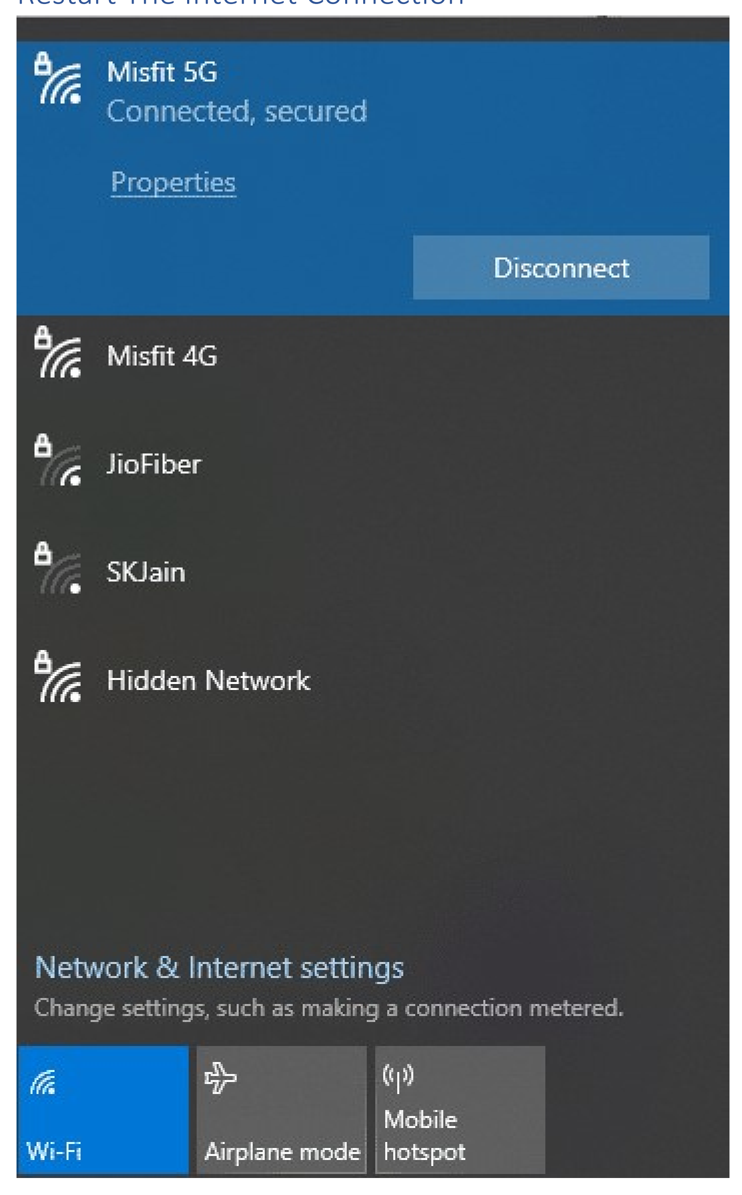
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Are you getting the infamous ‘Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a not working’ error?   Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a wireless network adapter is essential for Wifi connection. If this error surfaces, you won’t be able to connect to the internet.

If your Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a is not working, you won’ get Wifi on Windows 10. The error appears when your Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a wireless adapter doesn’t work. It could be missing or outdated. Here are all the solutions available for you:

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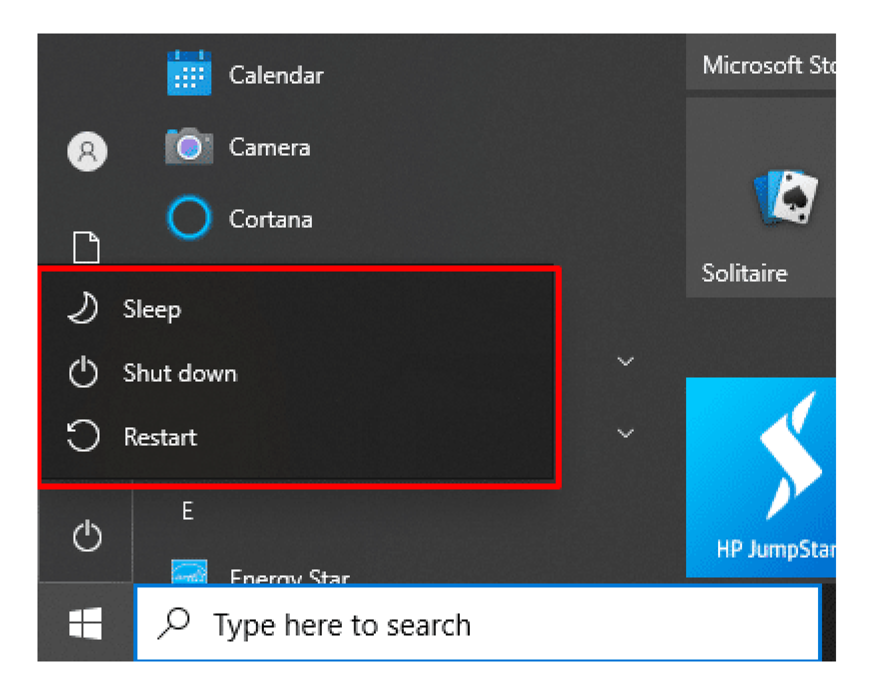
Restart The Internet Connection



Try to restart your internet router / modem. Do the same thing for your computer and turn off the Wifi, then restart it. You can also reboot your PC. See if this fixes the issues. If not, then move on to the other step.

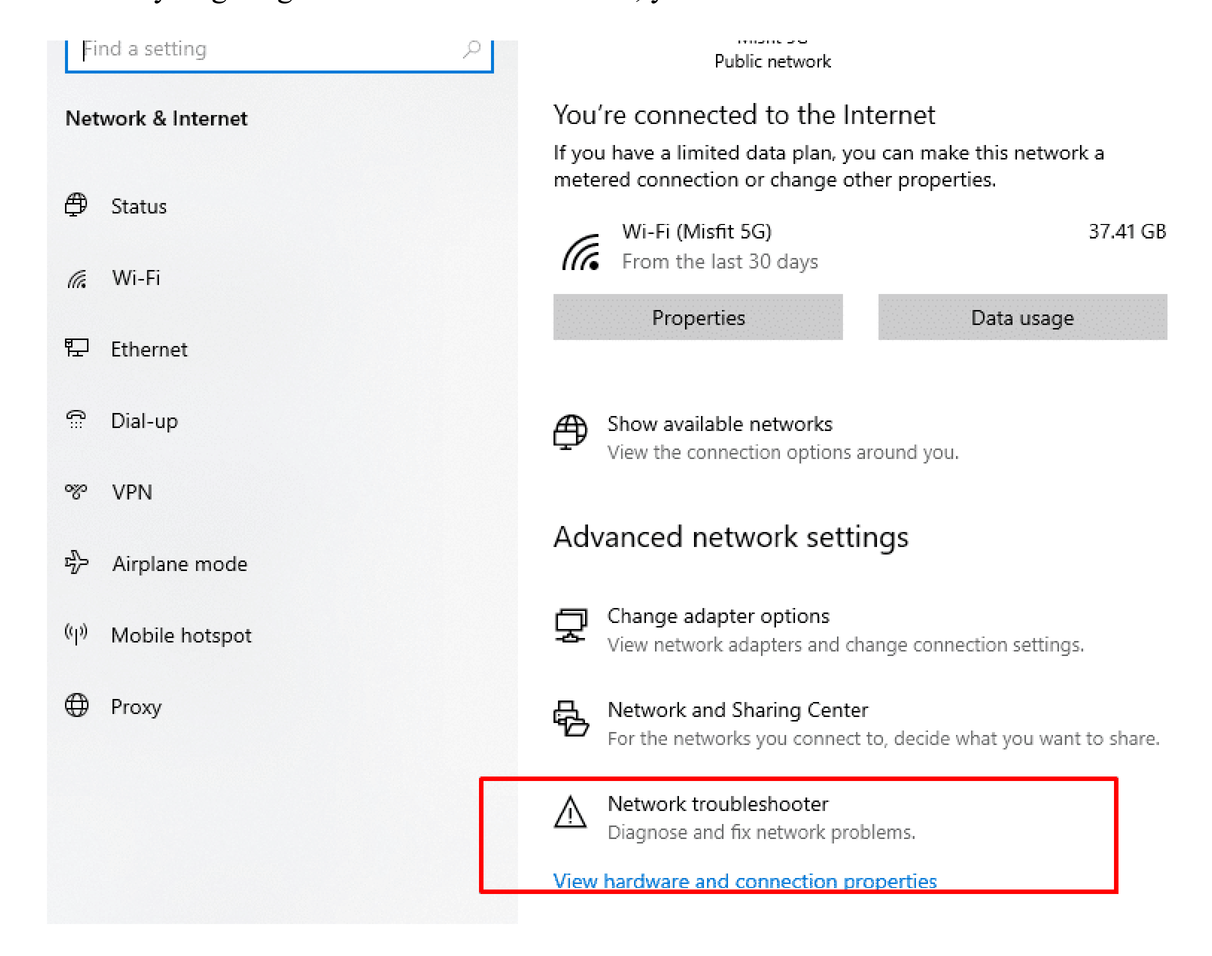
Restart Your System

Make sure to restart the system at least once before moving to the severe solutions given below for the Wi-fi drivers.



Use Network Troubleshooter

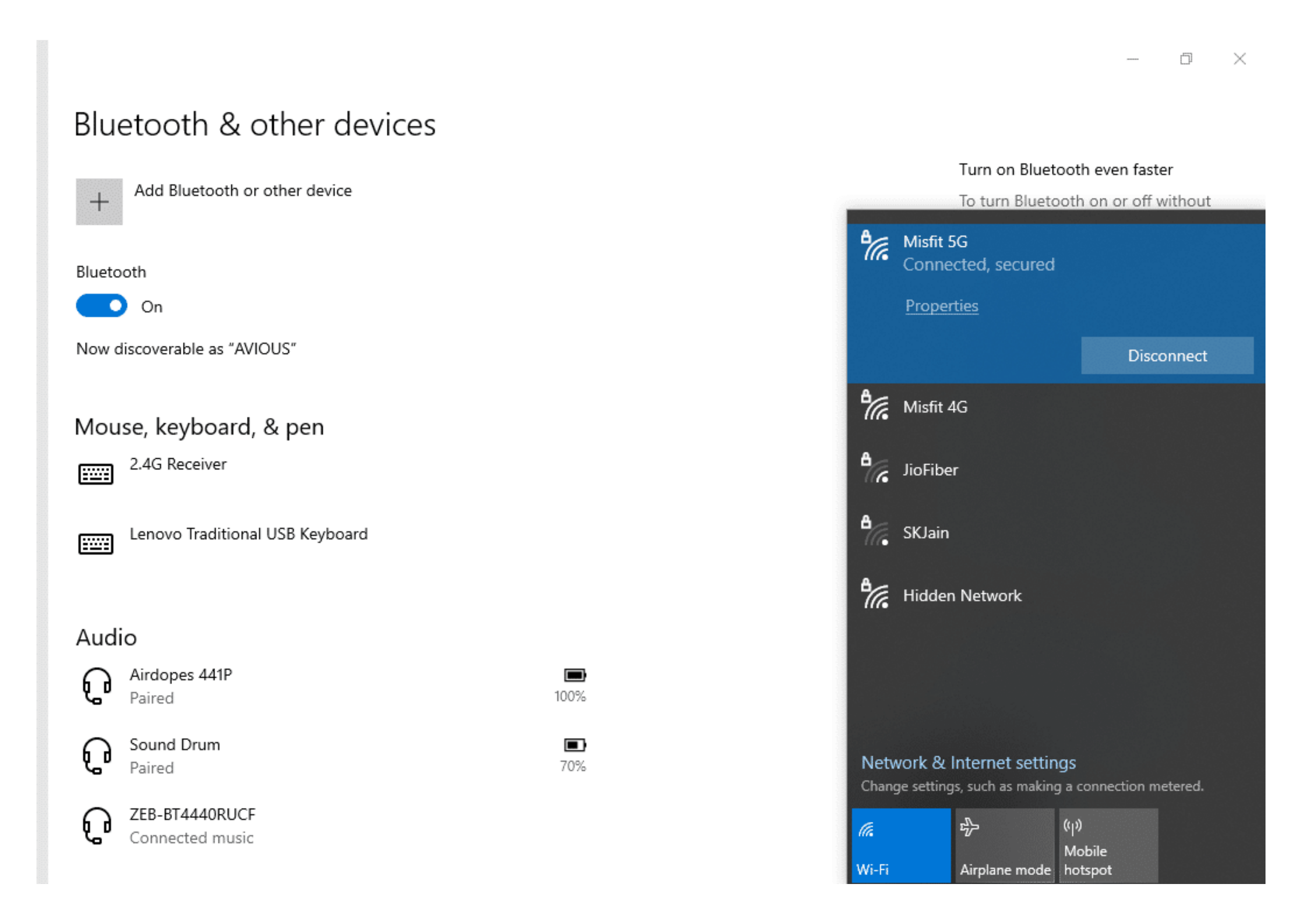
Go to the Taskbar and find the Wifi icon (Network Icon). Right-click on it and Open The Network & Internet Settings. If you scroll down, you will see Network Troubleshooter. Run it to fix any lingering issue. If that doesn't work, you can move to other solutions.



See If You're Connected To Other Devices

Check your phone or another laptop and see if they can access the Wi-fi. If they can access the connection, the problem might be with your Qualcomm driver, not the computer.

See also 6 Fixes For Can't Eject External Hard Drive on Windows



Use An Additional Driver

Maybe it is a hardware problem and not a software issue. Try and connect an additional driver device to your computer. Use another wi-fi device. If that works, great. If not, then move on to the next solution.

Device Manager

File Action View Help

Audio inputs and outputs

Add Hardware

Welcome to the Add Hardware Wizard

This wizard helps you install driver software to support older devices that do not support Plug-and-Play and which are not automatically recognized by Windows.

You should only use this wizard if you are an advanced user or you have been directed here by technical support.

If your hardware came with an installation CD, it is recommended that you click Cancel to close this wizard and use the manufacturer's CD to install this hardware.

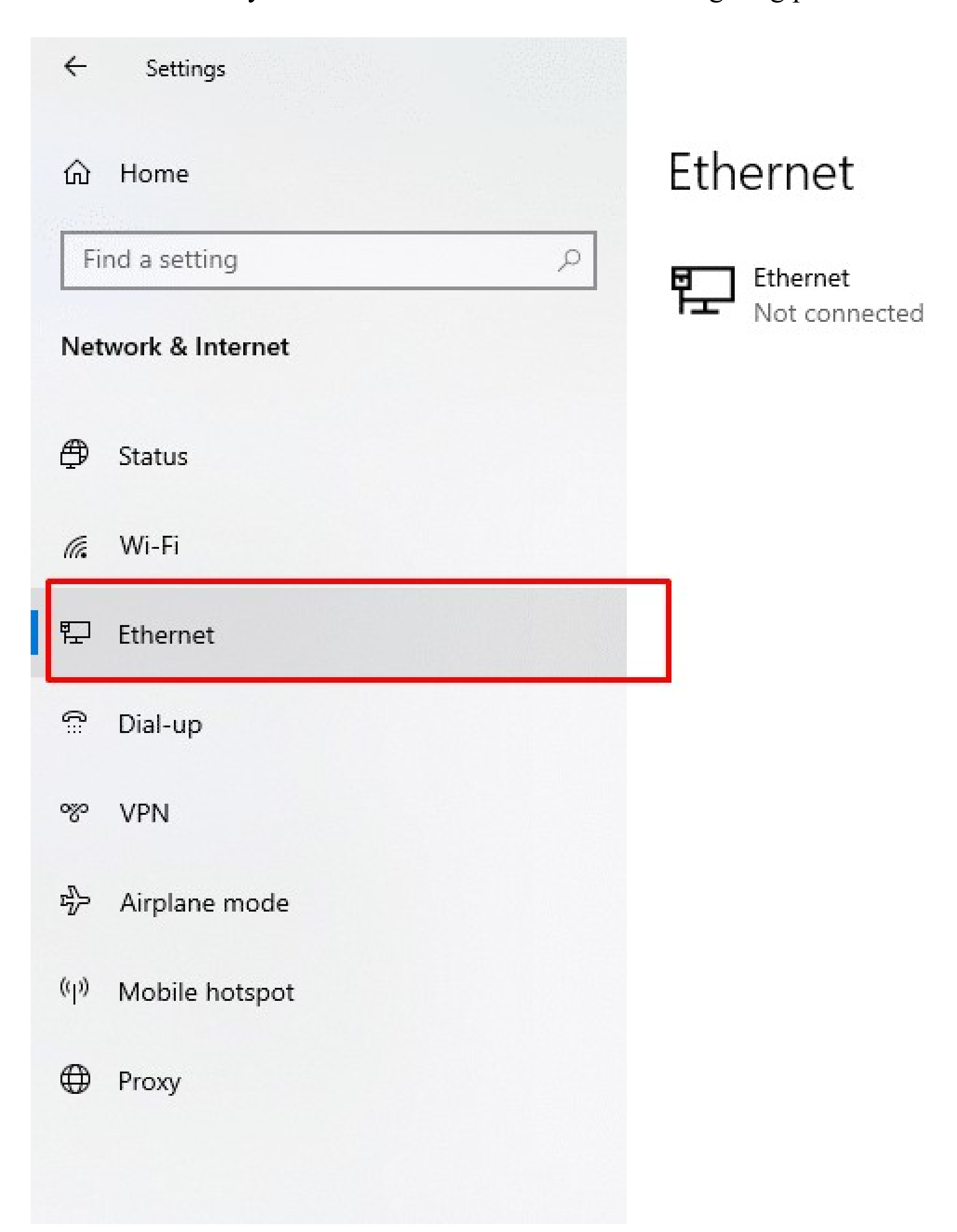
To continue, click Next.

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Other devices

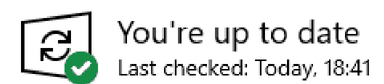
Try LAN Connection

Before you do anything drastic, try a LAN connection. See if this fixes the data issue. If yes, then the driver may be at fault. It could be some other lingering problem.



Check For Microsoft Windows 10 Update

Finally, check for the latest update for your Window. Make sure that you download the latest version. Then, reboot the computer and see if this solves the issue. If not, then it's time for you to follow through with the complete guide below.

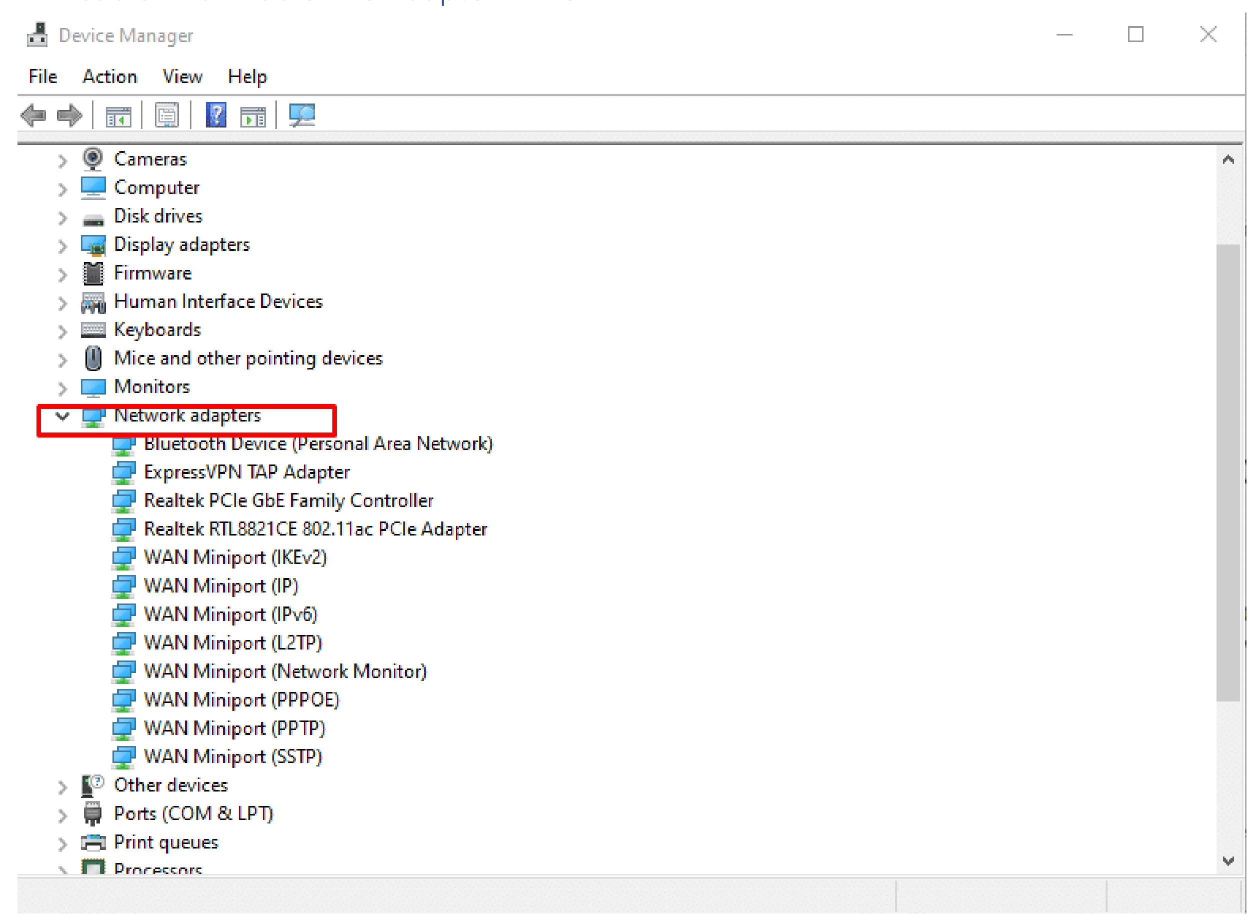


Solutions To Fix Qualcomm Drivers Issue On Windows

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How To Fix Qualcomm Drivers Issue On Windows 10?

1. Disable And Enable The Adapter Driver

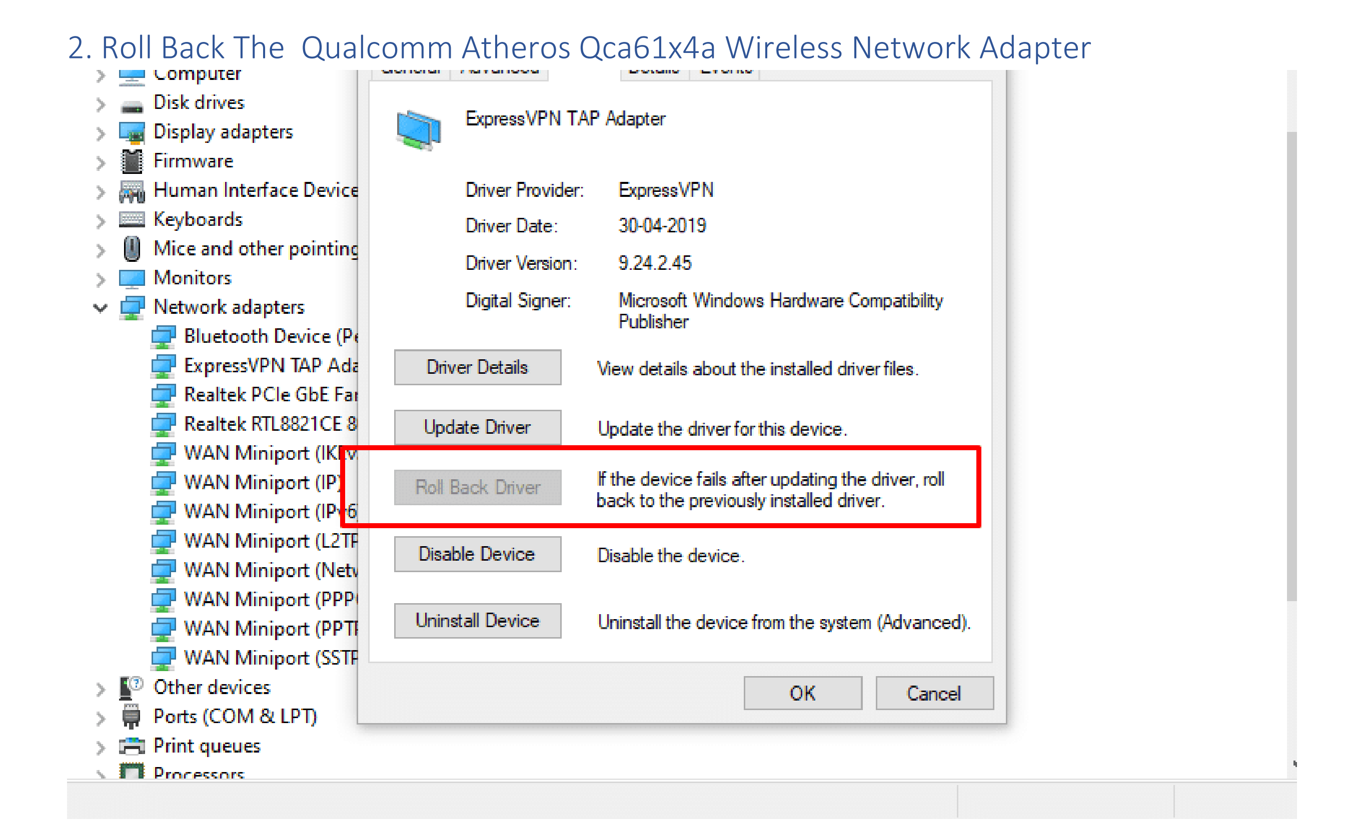


Do you know how we restart the system or reconnect the device after an error? Disabling and enabling a network driver is similar. If you're facing connectivity issues or driver errors, give this option a try:

- Press Windows + R Key to launch the RUN application.
- Type 'devmgmt.msc' and press OK.
- You will arrive at a Device Manager Window. Double-click and expand the Network Adapters.
- Find the Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a wireless network adapter. Right-click on it and click on Disable Device. Click yes when the prompt window appears.
- Apply changes or Click OK and restart the system.
- Then go to the Device Manager again. Right-click Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a wireless network adapter. Select 'Enable Device.' This will restart the driver.

Now, go ahead and see if the Qualcomm Atheros network adapter is working or not. You can restart the PC once more after enabling the driver.

2. Roll Back The Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Wireless Network Adapter



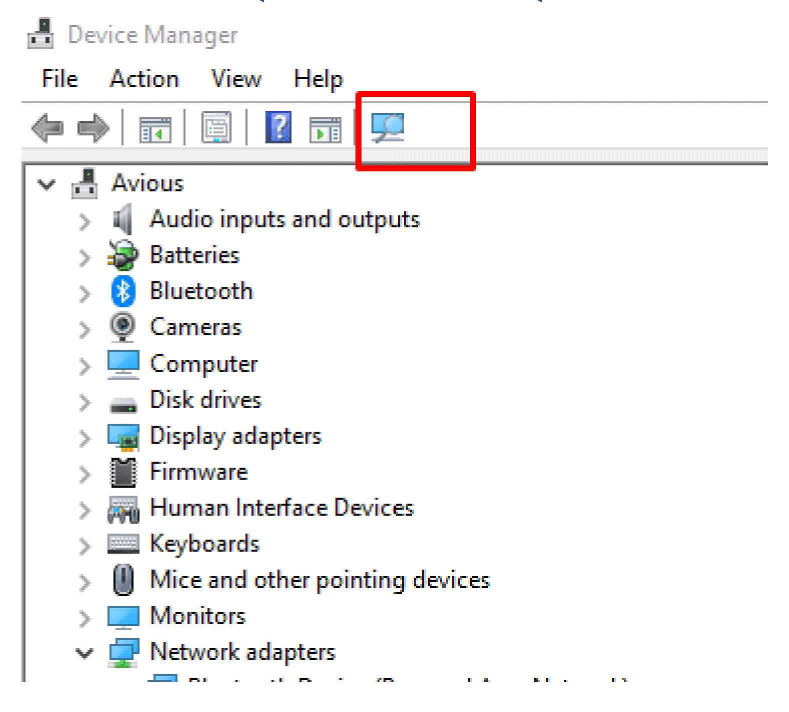
Do you have a program or tool that automatically updates the driver? If so, you might want to see if you can rollback. Sometimes, the latest updates are for upgraded devices. However, if you have an older device, the driver may be incompatible. Windows Update can also prompt this problem.

- Once again, launch the RUN Box by pressing Windows + R Keys. Then, type devmgmt.msc to launch the device manager.
- Expand the network adapters and find Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a wireless network adapter.
- Right-click on it and select Properties.
- Select the Driver Tab and find the 'Roll Back Driver' option. Unfortunately, if it is grey (or dark), there is no rollback available. But, if it is available to click, give it a go.
- Select the reason as you go, click Yes. Apply changes, Press OK. Restart your computer.

See also 6 Fixes For Laptop Not Detecting Nvidia Graphics Card

Check if you can connect to the internet. If not, move to the other solutions. Similarly, if you have a grey/darkened option to roll back, move to the next solution.

3. Reinstall The Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Wireless Network Adapter



Just like enabling and disabling the driver, reinstalling may fix the issue. However, you will have to go to the device manager once again and expand the network adapters.

This time, right-click to uninstall the driver. If you can't find the option there, go to Driver's properties. You will find the option to uninstall the driver there.

After that, you can restart your computer. Then use the same way to install the driver which you used the first time. If you have lost the driver file or device, get a new one.

See if reinstalling the driver fixes the problem. If not, you can also use compatibility mode to install the driver.

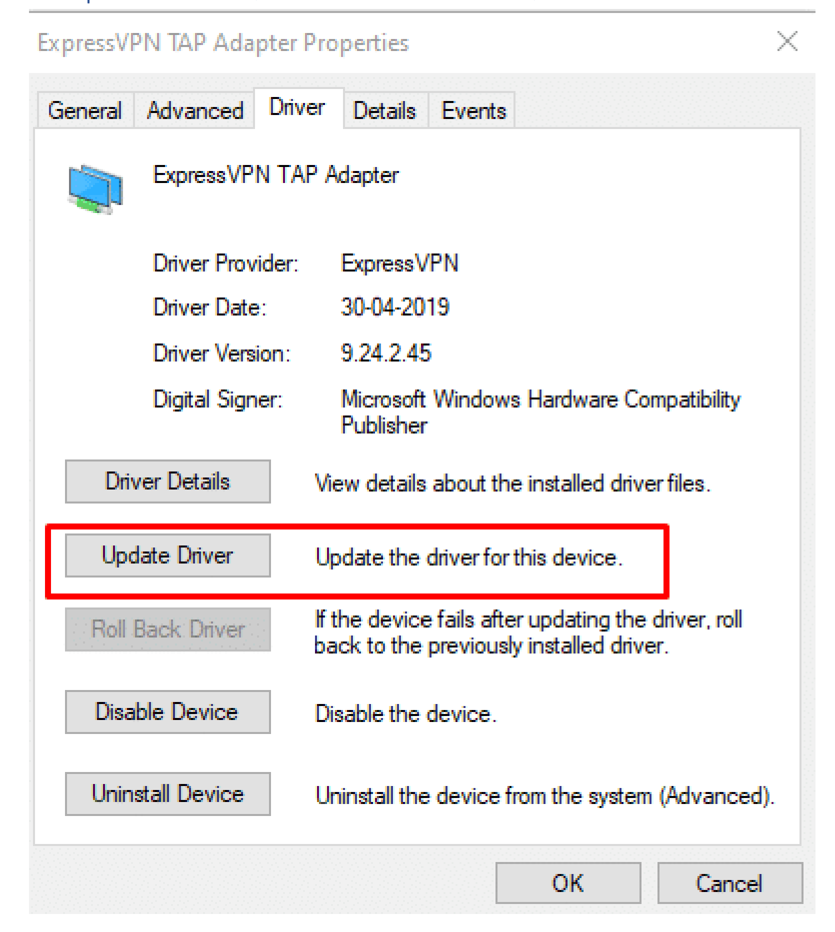
4. Compatibility Mode For Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Wireless Network Adapter

You can also reinstall the Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a driver by using this mode. Compatibility mode will help you ease things out:

- Use the device (CD/DVD/FlashDrive/etc.) to have the setup file.
- Right-click the driver setup file and select Properties. Then go to the Compatibility Tab.
- Check on the 'Run This Program In Compatibility Mode' option. Don't forget to choose the Operating system from the list.
- Once you select the OS, Apply settings, click ok and run setup.

Now, go ahead and follow through with the standard installation process. Make sure to have the correct Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a driver file.

5. Update The Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Driver



Rolling back the driver is not the only option you have. Maybe you didn't update the driver. Some older drivers are full of errors. Also, they might not work with the latest OS or device. So, it is a good idea to update your Qualcomm wireless adapter. This will also fix any corruption or other problems:

- Once again, run the device manager. Go to the Network adapter and right-click on the driver name. The same Qualcomm Atheros ar9485 wireless adapter.
- From the options, click on Update driver.
- Now, you can choose one of the two options. Click on 'Search Automatically For Updated Driver Software.'

See also 12 Fixes For Print Screen Not Working on Windows

Unfortunately, you will need an active internet connection for it. You can use the LAN cable and connection. After all, the Qualcomm Atheros ar9485 wireless adapter error won't allow Wifi.

You can also go to the internet cafe and download a driver from there. Then return to the system and choose the other option to find and select the driver. Like that, you can also install the driver automatically.

Frequently Asked Questions

How Do I Fix The Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Wireless Network Adapter?

You can fix the wi-fi adapter driver errors manually. First, you can disable the device and enable the device to see if that fixes the problem. If that doesn't work, you can also roll back

the driver. You can also download the latest software for network drivers on your computer. Alternatively, you can use the compatibility mode.

What Is Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Driver?

The Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a driver is a wifi or network adapter driver. Its objective is to help the Windows 10 operating system work with the wifi device. You can use a built-in wifi device or buy a new one for the adapter driver. So, it allows Windows 10 Wi-fi to work optimally. There are many other companies available. Qualcomm works with many different Wi-fi devices.

Does Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Driver Support 5G?

Yes, Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a supports 5G. It also supports 2.5Ghz connectivity. If yours isn't supporting the connection, you might want to check support or look for a solution. It could be one of the above-given problems.

How Do I Update The Qualcomm Atheros Qca61x4a Driver?

You can update the new version for free by visiting the official page and finding the latest adapter driver. If you can't do that, you can follow the standard device manager guide to fix the issue. Alternatively, you can also use third-party tools to find you a compatible version to try and update from there.